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Amendments to the Drawings

FIG. 5 has been amended to correct an inadvertent oversight therein. Specifically, numerical indicator “110” for the tape has been relocated to the layer below adhesive 120. Support for this amendment to FIG. 5 can be found in FIG. 3 as originally filed and on page 6, lines 5-9 of the specification.

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation and wishes to thank Examiner Luu for the indication that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten including all of the limitations of the base claim (i.e., Claim 1) and any intervening claims (i.e., Claim 3). Applicant has therefore amended Claim 1 to include all of the limitations of the allowable claim and any intervening claims (i.e., Claims 3 and 4). Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled.

Furthermore, Claim 6 has been amended to place the claim in proper dependent form to overcome the objection under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c). Thus, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Rejection of Claims 1-3 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or, in the Alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The rejection of Claims 1-3 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mukerji et al. has been obviated by appropriate amendment.

The Rejection of Claims 1-2 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The rejection of Claims 1-2 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mukerji et al. in view of Ding et al. has also been obviated by appropriate amendment.

The Objection to Claim 6 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c)

The objection to Claim 6 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) has been obviated by appropriate amendment.

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Conclusions

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all grounds for objection and rejection are overcome, and the application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

If it is deemed helpful or beneficial to the efficient prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ad Fortney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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